

This is my second message -- the first one never got through. I strongly disapprove of the proposed change to the rules governing how many media outlets can be owned in a given area. Clear Channel's involvement recently in sponsoring rallies in favor of the Iraq war and disallowing ads or commentary by people who opposed it is a perfect example of the pitfalls of ownership by few private companies. Please remember the airwaves belong to the American people, not to the corporations, who are SUPPOSED to just manage them. We must NOT narrow the possibilities for the expression of diverse opinions. We must broaden the number of avenues. If the proposed rules are adopted, this citizen thinks we will have taken a giant step toward a dangerous political situation. For democracy to survive, we must have an informed electorate, as someone has said before.